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SUBJ: DENMARK SIGHS WITH RELIEF AT FAVORABLE UK REFERENDUM

THE STRONGLY FAVORABLE BRITISH VOTE FOR CONTINUING COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP WAS WELCOMED WITH AN AUDIBLE SIGH OF RELIEF BY MOST DANISH POLITICIANS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NEWSPAPERS. ABLE NOW TO FORGET ABOUT THE ONEROUS REQUIREMENTS FOR A DANISH REFERENDUM IF THE BRITISH HAD OPTED OUT, THE DANES NOW HOPE THE ROAD IS CLEAR FOR A MORE MEANINGFUL COOPERATION AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

2. PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN SAID ON RADIO THAT HE THOUGHT

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THAT BRITIAN WOULD NOW BE PREPARED TO JOIN MORE WHOLEHEARTEDLY

IN COOPERATING IN THE COMMUNITY WHICH HE THOUGHT WOULD BE USEFUL
IN FACING THE PROBLEMS WHICH REMAINED TO BE SETTLED. FONECON
MIN IVAR NORGAARD TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT, WHILE HE
HAD NEVER DOUBTED THE RESULT, HE WAS PLEASED BY THE LARGE
MAJORITY OF YEST VOTES. THIS SHOULD SETTLE THE PROBLEM OF UK
AND DANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY ONCE AND FOR ALL. HE
SAW THEREFORE THAT THE BARREN DISPUTES OF
THE PAST YEAR MAY NOW BE REPLACED BY CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION
ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE.

3. A FEW DIE-HARD ANTI-MARKETEERS TALKED DISCONSOLATELY
ABOUT MAINTAINING THEIR OPPOSITION TO DANISH MEMBERSHIP BUT THE
MORE RESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION WITHIN THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY
ANNOUNCED THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMUNITY OF
NINE AND SAID THEY WOULD HENCEFORTH FOCUS THEIR EFFORTS
IN DEVELOPING COMMUNITY POLICIES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMON
MAN.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT. IT CAN NOW BE SAFELY ASSUMED THAT THE
ANTI-COMMUNITY FORCES IN DENMARK WILL EITHER TURN THEIR ENERGIES
ELSEWHERE OR TRY TO INFLUENCE COMMUNITY POLICIES TO THEIR
LIKING. THE BRITISH REFERENDUM THEREFORE IS ALSO A WATERSHED
FOR DENMARK IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY.
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